

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD OF PRODUCING A COLD TEMPERATURE HIGH STRUCTURAL STEEL TUBING**, the specification of which

(check on) ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on August 31, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/944,873
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
☐ was filed on _____ as International Application No. _____
and was amended on _____
by ☐ Preliminary Amendment ☐ Article 19; ☐ Article 34 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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| _____ (Number) | _____ (Country) | _____ (Day/Month/Year Filed) | Priority Claimed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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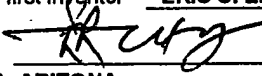
I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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| <u>09/654,153</u> (Application Serial No.) | <u>September 1, 2000</u> (Filing Date) | <u>Pending</u> (Status-patented, pending, abandoned) |
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's signature _____ Date _____
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Eric C. Erike, of Mesa, County of Maricopa, and State of Arizona, has made new and useful improvements in **METHOD OF PRODUCING A COLD TEMPERATURE HIGH STRUCTURAL STEEL TUBING**; for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been filed on August 31, 2001 under Serial No. 09/944,873; and

WHEREAS, TRW Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, having a place of business at Lyndhurst, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and all patents therefor to be obtained in the United States of America and countries foreign to the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for valuable considerations to me paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Eric C. Erike, do hereby assign, sell and set over unto the said TRW Inc. its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and any and all inventions pertaining thereto, said application Serial No. 09/944,873 for the United States patent, all patents granted therefor in the United States of America and elsewhere, and the right to apply for patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States and to claim for such applications the priority of United States applications, and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue such patents to the said TRW Inc. its successors or assigns; and I further agree to execute such other applications and other instruments and do all other acts as may be deemed necessary by the said TRW Inc. its successors or assigns in order to fully secure, protect and preserve its rights to the said improvements and to obtain patents therefor in the United States of America and all countries foreign to the United States, all without further consideration but at the expense of the said TRW Inc. its successors or assigns.

Signed at TRW Systems FCU, Queen Creek, Az
County of Maricopa and State of Arizona
This 20th day of November, 2001.